

**FINAL AGENDA  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL**

State Capitol, Room 172

8:00 a.m., Thursday, March 4, 2010 and 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 5, 2010

**NOTE: AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE--SOME ITEMS MAY TAKE MORE OR LESS TIME THAN IS ALLOTTED.**

**Thursday, March 4, 2010:**

- 8:00 a.m.            **Call to Order - Roll Call - Chairman Vincent**
- 8:05 a.m.            **Administrative Matters - Mr. Everts**
1.     Adoption of January 7 and 8 EQC meeting minutes
  2.     EQC budget review
- 8:10 a.m.            **Fiscal Considerations: Natural Resource Issues**
1.     Overview -- Barb Smith, LFD
  2.     Public comment
  3.     Questions & discussion -- EQC
  4.     Committee action, if any
  5.     Directions to staff
- 9:00 a.m.            **HJR 1 -- Study of Biomass**
1.     Dave Sjoding, Northwest CHP Application Center
  2.     Douglas Beer, Access Energy Technologies
  3.     Chad DeLong, Tracy McIntyre -- follow-up to September forestry study presentation
  4.     Review of draft report -- Ms. Nowakowski
  5.     Public comment
  6.     Questions & discussion of policy recommendations/legislation
  7.     Committee action, if any
  8.     Directions to staff

(a 15 minute break will occur at approximately 10:00 a.m.)

- 11:50 a.m.           **Update on Water Policy Interim Committee -- Mr. Kolman**
- 11:55 a.m.           **Update on Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee -- Ms. Nowakowski**
- 12:00 p.m.           **LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m.            **HJR 30 -- Study of Fire Suppression**
1.     Overview of HJR 30 activity and discussion of next steps -- Leanne Kurtz, LSD
  2.     Fiscal considerations specific to fuels mitigation and fire suppression -- Barb Smith, LFD
  3.     Trees and water, an overview - Bob Harrington, DNRC
  4.     Public comment
  5.     Questions & discussion of policy recommendations/legislation
  6.     Committee action, if any
  7.     Directions to staff

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2:15 p.m.

**SJR 22 – Study of Recycling**

1. Review of draft report & draft recommendations worksheet – Ms. Nowakowski
2. Public comment
3. Questions & discussion of policy recommendations/legislation
4. Committee action, if any
5. Directions to staff

2:45 p.m.

**BREAK**

3:00 p.m.

**Discussion of other possible study direction & legislation**

1. HJ 15: Tourism and Recreational Access Study
  - Overview – Ms. Stockwell
  - Public comment
  - Questions & discussion – EQC
  - Committee action, if any
  - Directions to staff
2. Environmental Public Health Tracking
  - Overview – Ms. Stockwell
  - Public comment
  - Questions & discussion – EQC
  - Committee action, if any
  - Directions to staff
3. Any unfinished discussion from earlier in the day
  - Questions & discussion – EQC
  - Committee action, if any
  - Directions to staff

4:00 p.m.

**Agency Oversight: DNRC – Cabinsite Leasing**

1. Review of legal issues raised in January – Mr. Everts
2. Agency comment
3. Public comment
4. Questions & discussion – EQC
5. Committee action, if any
6. Directions to staff

5:00 p.m.

**RECESS OF EQC MEETING**

**Friday, March 5, 2010:**

8:00 a.m.

**Reconvene EQC Meeting**

8:05 a.m.

**Rule Review –**

1. General overview, Mr. Everts
2. CECRA: DEQ
  - response to EQC letter
  - update on working group status
  - review of CECRA rulemaking economic impact statement
3. Public comment
4. Questions & discussion – EQC
5. Committee action, if any

8:45 a.m.

**Agency Oversight: DEQ -- SB 97 Petroleum Tank Release Fund**

1. Overview of Fund's Financial Status -- Ms. Stockwell
2. Public comment
3. Questions & discussion -- EQC
4. Committee action, if any

9:00 a.m.

**Agency Oversight: DEQ -- Compliance & Enforcement Report**

1. Introduction -- Mr. Everts
2. Overview -- DEQ
3. Public comment
4. Questions & discussion -- EQC
5. Committee action, if any

9:30 a.m.

**Agency Oversight: DEQ -- Opencut Mining Program**

1. Introduction -- Mr. Kolman
2. Judy Hanson, DEQ
3. Public comment
4. Questions & discussion -- EQC
5. Committee action, if any

10:00 a.m.

**BREAK**

10:15 a.m.

**Agency Oversight: FWP -- Wolf Management**

1. Department presentation
  - Litigation update, if any
  - Response to questions raised at January EQC
    - cost of management, state & federal funding
    - accuracy of population count
    - case-by-case analysis of agency response to depredation
    - would allowing ranchers to kill wolves without a permit impact general hunting season quota
    - impacts of wolves on ungulate populations
    - presence of tapeworm in wolves and agency efforts on public education & outreach

12:00 p.m.

**Lunch**

1:00 p.m.

**Agency Oversight: FWP -- Wolf Management (continued)**

2. Department presentation continued, if necessary
3. Public Comment
4. Questions & discussion -- EQC
5. Committee action, if any
6. Directions to staff

3:00 p.m.

**BREAK**

3:15 p.m.

**HJR 1 Biomass Study (continued)**

1. Policy recommendations from Biomass Working Group  
Bob Harrington, DNRC
2. Public Comment
3. Questions & discussion of policy recommendations/legislation
4. Committee action, if any
5. Directions to staff

4:00 p.m.

**Continued Council discussion of any study recommendations  
& possible legislation – if necessary**

1. Discussion – EQC
2. Public comment
3. Committee action, if any
4. Directions to staff

4:40 p.m.

**Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the EQC

4:50 p.m.

**Other Business**

4:55 p.m.

**Instructions to Staff**

5:00 p.m.

**Adjourn**

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